



PATENT APPLICATION  
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In re application of

**Andrew EADES et al.**

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Pursuant to the Office Action dated July 24, 2001 and Notice of Appeal filed January 24, 2002, Applicants hereby submit the following amendments and remarks, a Petition for Extension of Time with requisite fee, a Request for Continued Examination with accompanying papers and requisite fee and a Rule 132 Declaration.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

On page 5, please replace the current version of the second paragraph commencing at line 26 and bridging page 27, ending at line 11 with the following replacement

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